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Figure No. 1

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## ABSTRACT

An orthotic device (10) is provided, including an orthosis body (12) adapted to be wrapped around the torso of a wearer of the device, the orthosis body (12) having at least two segments (12a, 12b) in juxtaposed relationship. Means (16b, 16c) are provided at free end (14a, 14b) portions of at least two segments (12a, 12b) to releasably secure the free end portions to one another. At least two cables (28) are provided, each cable (28) operatively connected to at least two segments (12a, 12b). At least two sets of pulleys (22a, 22b, 24a, 24b) are mounted on the at least two segments (12a, 12b) with each cable (28) operatively connected to at least two segments (12a, 12b) running through a pulley (22a, 22b, 24a, 24b) on each of the at least two segments (12a, 12b) in alteration, shortening of each cable (28) by pulling at least two segments (12a, 12b) together and tightening the orthotic device (10).

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

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US CL :602/19

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 602/5, 17-19, 23, 26, 32

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X --- Y	US 5,634,891 A (BECZAK, SR. et al.) 03 June 1997, Figs. 1, 5 and 7; and col. 4, lines 50 and 64-66.	1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10-16, 19, 21 ----- 17, 18, 22-35
Y, P	US Re 35,940 E (HEINZ et al.) 27 October 1998, Fig. 12.	1-6, 9-11, 14-16, 20, 22-29, 34
X --- Y	US 4,508,110 A (MODGLIN) 02 April 1985, Figs. 1-4.	1-9, 11-18, 21 ----- 19, 20, 22-35

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